



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**REALLOCATE CITY OF LOS ANGELES PER PARCEL FUNDS FOR A GRANT TO
THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FOR THE LA ROCHA ACQUISITION PROJECT
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate \$225,000 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, from the City's completed Runyon Canyon Visitors Center Project for a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the La Rocha Acquisition Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to Section 15325 (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves acquisition of land to preserve open space for park purposes.
2. Reallocate \$225,000 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, allocated to the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a grant for the La Rocha Acquisition Project.

3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant, in the amount of \$225,000, to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the La Rocha Acquisition Project after the City of Los Angeles assigns its right to apply for the funds, if applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate \$225,000 in Per Parcel Discretionary Funds, originally allocated to the City of Los Angeles (City) pursuant to Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (1992 Proposition) to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for a grant for the La Rocha Acquisition Project in the Hollywood Dell area of Los Angeles near the Lake Hollywood Reservoir and John Anson Ford Theatre. The project consists of the acquisition of ten parcels of land for an approximate total of 1.21 acres of land that includes a portion of the La Rocha Trail. The preexisting La Rocha Trail is maintained by the City of Los Angeles. The \$225,000 in 1992 Proposition funding for the project will be matched by private donations.

The \$225,000 in 1992 Proposition Per Parcel Discretionary to be reallocated to the MRCA for the La Rocha Acquisition Project is part of the residual balance from a \$1,000,000 grant to the City for the development of a visitors center in Runyon Canyon. Only \$300,000 of the grant was expended on the center because the City used other funding to complete the project in Runyon Canyon. A request to reallocate the remaining balance from the Runyon Canyon Visitors Center grant will be brought to your Board at a later date.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by providing additional land for trails recreation in the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant, in the amount of \$225,000, is budgeted in the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District's Assessment Project Fund, HB4 under Other Charges.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Per Parcel funds identified in Section (8), Subsection (b), Paragraph (1) of the 1992 Proposition are subject to reallocation by your Board under the provisions of Section (9), Subsection (e) of the 1992 Proposition. Agencies eligible for these funds were required to encumber their funds by June 30, 1996. Beginning with Fiscal Year 1996-97, any Per Parcel funds not committed to expenditure are available for award by your Board for one or more of the classes of expenditures specified in Section (8) of the 1992 Proposition for projects that your Board deems to be of the highest priority.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15325 (f) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 25 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, because the project involves acquisition of land to preserve open space for park purposes.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the MRCA may proceed with acquisition of land in the Hollywood Dell area of Los Angeles in the Third Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Wicker for", is written over the printed name "Russ Guiney".

Russ Guiney
Director, Parks and Recreation

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors